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Eric B. Bond et al. : Confirmation No. 5436  
Serial No. 09/852,888 : Group Art Unit 1771  
Filed May 10, 2001 : Examiner

For Multicomponent Fibers Comprising Starch and Biodegradable Polymers

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